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## India

### Agricultural Situation

### Monsoon Progress Report, #8

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**Report Highlights:**

The spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall during the first three months of the current four-month monsoon season has been one of the best in recent years, which should help the country harvest excellent kharif (fall and early winter harvested) crops.

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During the week ending September 3, the monsoon remained active in most parts of the country, with 22 of the 36 weather subdivisions receiving normal or above normal rainfall. Excessive rains fell in the major rice growing regions of Orissa, Chattisgarh, and east Madhya Pradesh, and caused severe floods in Orissa. However, rainfall was significantly below normal in Andhra Pradesh and north Interior Karnataka.

Cumulative rainfall during the first three quarters of the current monsoon season (June-Sept.) was normal or above normal in 33 of the 36 weather subdivisions, compared to 17 during the corresponding period of last year. Weather subdivisions that received significantly below normal rains were Kerala, north interior Karnataka, and Andaman & Nicobar Islands, which are not significant agriculturally. The spatial and temporal distribution of rainfall this year has been one of the best in recent years, which should help the country harvest excellent *kharif* (fall and early winter harvested) crops, which include mostly rice, peanut, soybeans, pulses, cotton and sugarcane. Continued excellent rains in September will provide ideal soil moisture conditions for the planting of *rabi* (winter) crops, which include mostly wheat, pulses, and rapeseed.

**Figure 1** below shows rainfall distribution during the week, and **Figure 2** shows cumulative rainfall during June 1 to September 3.

Figure 1: Rainfall During the Week Ending September 3.

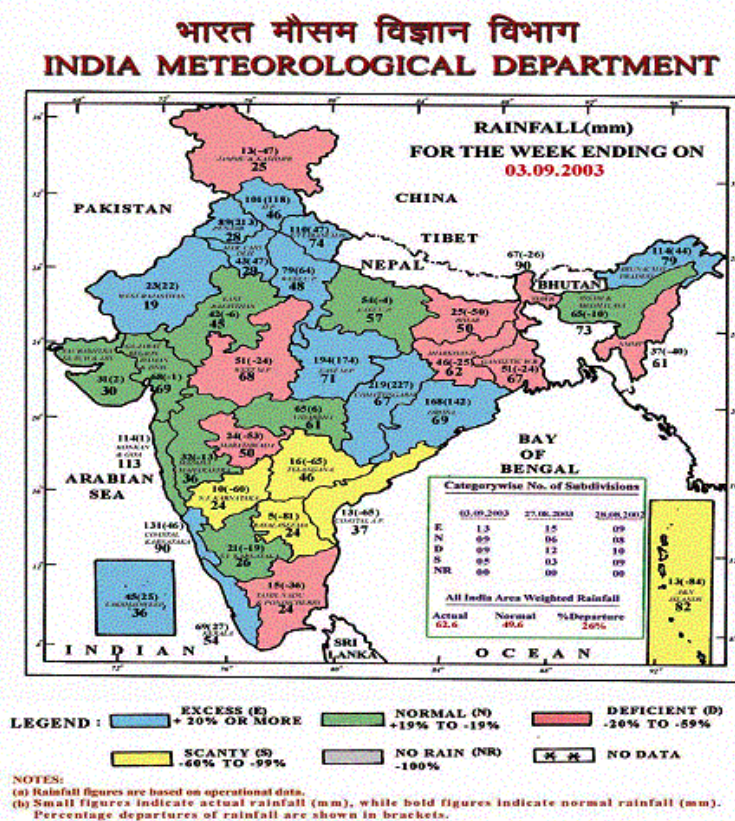


Figure 2: Cumulative Rainfall During June 1 to September 3.

